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SUBJECT: U.S.-FRANCE COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAM ,

1. DEPARTMENT FEELS THE ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING FOR THE
U.S.-FRANCE COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAM WENT EXTREMELY
WELL. INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED ON BOTH SIDES TO MAINTAIN
ONGOING PROGRAMS AND TO INCREASE COLLABORATION WHERE
POSSIBLE...

2. THE U.S. SIDE (ASTIN) PROPOSED TWO AREAS OF POSSIBLE
INCREASED COOPERATION: TOXCITY AND EFFACY OF DRUGS
(FDA WOULD BE CONTACTED) AND CONSERVATION OF ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES (SPECIFIC PROPOSALS NOT MADE).

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3. PROF. CURIEN PROPOSED THESE ADDITIONAL IDEAS:

(1) COASTAL MANAGEMENT. SPECIFICALLY SELECTING SITES FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

(2) RECYCLING INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND TREATMENT OF SOLID WASTE

(3) STUDY OF ARID LANDS - HOW TO REUSE ABANDONED AGRICULTURAL LAND, ETC.

(4) IMPROVEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL WORKING CONDITIONS - OSHA WAS SUGGESTED AS WELL AS DEPT. OF LABOR.

(5) CANCER RESEARCH - FRENCH EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST FROM POLITICAL SIDE AS WELL AS SCIENTIFIC. DENAZELLE INFORMED US FRENCH PRES. HAD MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED COLLABORATION AT SUMMIT MEETING WITH PRES. FORD AND THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAD RECENTLY SPOKEN TO KISSINGER ABOUT IT AS WELL. SEE NO. 4 BELOW.

4. IN ADDITION TO MEETING IN DEPARTMENT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD AT NIH AND NSF. ENERGY RELATED MATTERS CAME UP IN A TALK WITH DR. EGGERS OF NSF BUT MOST OF THE TIME WAS SPENT DISCUSSING THE TRANSFER OF ENERGY-RELATED ACTIVITIES FROM NSF TO ERDA. DR. STEVER AGREED TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING IT EASIER FOR UNIVERSITY-TO-UNIVERSITY COOPERATION BY A REDUCTION OF FEES FOR FRENCH SCHOLARS AT U.S. UNIVERSITIES OR A DIRECT EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN A FRENCH AND U.S. UNIVERSITY. (PROF. CURIEN HAD RAISED THIS TOPIC IN THE REVIEW MEETING SAYING HOW EXPENSIVE IT WAS TO STUDY AT U.S. INSTITUTIONS).

5. AT NIH THE FRENCH DELEGATION (THE 4 FROM PARIS PLUS 3 REPRESENTATIVES FROM EMBASSY) MET WITH DR. RAUSCHER, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE, AND DR. LEAVITT, FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER, AND STAFF MEMBERS. THE FRENCH HAD FOREIGN OFFICE INSTRUCTIONS AND ALSO A LETTER FROM BERG OF INSERM. ALTHOUGH THEY WERE INTERESTED IN A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVT TO GOVT AGREEMENT WE ENCOURAGED THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE BETWEEN THE INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED (POSSIBLY AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN HEW AND THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF HEALTH WHICH WE WOULD TRANSMIT TO GIVE VISIBILITY). IT WAS AGREED THAT A MEETING BE HELD IN WASHINGTON THIS SPRING TO FINALIZE A PROGRAM WHICH HOPEFULLY WOULD INCLUDE AN ANNUAL MEETING BETWEEN SPECIALISTS IN ADDITION TO INCREASED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND JOINT PROJECTS.

DR. RAUSCHER WILL CONTACT PROF. CURIEN AFTER HE HAS CONSULTED HIS SCIENTISTS.

6. OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST:

(1) AGRICULTURE - FRENCH EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT MORE AMERICANS UNABLE TO GO TO FRANCE TO ACTIVATE PROGRAMS. WE EXPLAINED AGRICULTURE RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL.

(2) FRENCH INTERESTED TO KNOW IF THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF U.S. (NOAA) INVOLVEMENT IN THE NAZCA PLATE STUDY USING THEIR SHIP ARCHIMEDE. NO ONE AT MEETING COULD ANSWER.

(3) COOPERATION ON CONTROL OF GYPSY MOTH RAISED BY U.S. BUT FRENCH DELEGATION UNAWARE OF DEVELOPMENTS.

(4) PROF. LISLE OF CNRS TO VISIT WASHINGTON (HE IS CURRENTLY HERE). IT IS AGREED THAT WITHIN THE NSF/CNRS EXCHANGE PROGRAM INCREASED ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE SOCIAL SCIENCES. IN ADDITION, SMALL JOINT BI-NATIONAL SEMINARS WILL BE ENCOURAGED. PRIORITY LIST OF TOPICS TO BE DEVELOPED.

(5) HOST OF SMALLER PROJECTS GOING WELL AND ARE TO BE ENCOURAGED.

(6) DR. ASTIN WILL CONTINUE AS COORDINATOR AT DR. RAY'S REQUEST. PIRET PARTICIPATED IN DEPARTMENTAL MEETING.

(7) SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTING SCHEDULE WILL CONTINUE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(8) NEXT ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD NEXT FALL IN PARIS.

(9) PRESS RELEASE ISSUED MONDAY IN PARIS AND WASHINGTON.

(10) DR. RAY RECEIVED THE DELEGATION SATURDAY MORNING. SESSION WAS CORDIAL AND SET A FRIENDLY NOTE TO CONCLUDE MEETINGS. KISSINGER

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